

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated July 11, 2007, are respectfully requested in view of this amendment and the following remarks. By this amendment, claim 2 has been amended, and claims 5-7 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claim 2 is pending in this application.

Claim 2 has been amended to rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of allowable base claim 5.

Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Claim Objection

Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 2, as amended, overcome the stated objection.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection for claim 2.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,091,528 issued to Kanda (“Kanda”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,194,209 issued to Robbins et al. (“Robbins”).

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5-7 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claim 2 contains allowable subject matter.

Claim 2 has been amended to be independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 2 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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